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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loved ones of retired U.S. Marine Corps Master
2 Sergeant Rodney Lee Buentello of San Antonio are mourning his
3 untimely death on June 8, 2016, at the age of 42; and

4 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Buentello was spending an afternoon
5 at the park with his family when he saw two teenagers being swept
6 into the current of a nearby dam; in his final act of heroism, he
7 jumped into the rushing waters, saving the lives of the young
8 people, but ultimately sacrificing his own; and

9 WHEREAS, The son of Raul and Yolanda Buentello, Rodney
10 Buentello was born on June 27, 1973, and graduated from John Jay
11 High School; he joined the marines, like his father before him, and
12 went on to dedicate 20 years of exemplary service to his country,
13 including three combat tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan; among
14 numerous honors earned throughout his military career, the
15 decorated veteran was awarded two Purple Hearts; and

16 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the marines,
17 Mr. Buentello joined the staff at John Jay High, where he worked as
18 an in-school-suspension instructional assistant and volunteered
19 his time to coach football and track; and

20 WHEREAS, Of all his achievements, Mr. Buentello was most
21 proud of his role as father to three sons, Ryan, Roman, and Sage,
22 and husband to his beloved wife, Lisa; and

23 WHEREAS, Rodney Buentello demonstrated an unwavering
24 devotion to the well-being of others right up until his final

1 moments, and though his loved ones mourn his tragic loss, they can
2 take comfort in their precious memories of his courage, generosity,
3 and kindness; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of retired Master
6 Sergeant Rodney Lee Buentello and extend deepest condolences to his
7 family and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rodney
11 Buentello.